

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2015 - SB 1975

March 17, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Revises the criteria for determining at-risk children for pre-school and early learning programs from those "who live below the poverty line determined pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 9847" to those "who meet eligibility requirements identical to those met by school age children qualifying for free and reduced lunch pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 1771."

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- the bill clarifies the population to be served based on poverty indicators used by school systems on a regular basis.
- the bill makes a few more students eligible for this program but does not increase funding since the pilot program is limited to \$6,000,000 by appropriation with the priority population being 4-year-olds.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director